

~~FIG. 1~~  
b) a contact piece coupled to only one side of said further section, wherein said further section is disposed at an end of said strand.

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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings. FIGS. 1-3 have been amended to overcome this rejection.

The Examiner has objected to the specification. The specification has been amended to overcome this objection.

The Examiner has rejected claims 20-24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,598,971 to Goodman.

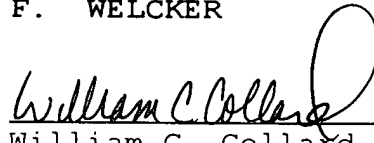
Claim 20 has been amended to state that the contact piece only contacts the further section on one side. This limitation is different than the device shown in Goodman because with this design, there is a special lug 20 which wraps around the further section so that this further section is completely insulated. The design as in claim 20 is much simpler, involving less materials

than the design of Goodman. Therefore, the applicant believes that claim 20 is patentable over Goodman. The applicant believes that claims 21-24 which also ultimately depend from claim 20 are also patentable.

The Drawings and the Specification have been amended. Claim 20 has been amended. Accordingly, the applicant believes that the remaining claims 20-24 are patentable over Goodman. Thus, the applicant respectfully requests early allowance of the remaining claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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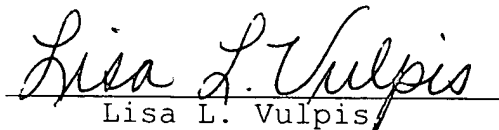
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Enclosure: marked-up copy of specification; drawings; claims

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In the Specification:

On page 6, line 36 please amend the application as follows:

The battery terminal connecting cable 1 shown in Figures 1 and 2 essentially consists of a strand 2 comprising numerous fine wires surrounded in a central region by some insulation 3. At both ends the strand 2 is pressed together to form a flattened end or further section 4 or 5. At this flattened end there is welded a contact piece 6 or 7. The contact pieces 6 or 7 exhibit a region 8 or 9 of reduced thickness where the flattened part or further section 4 or 5 of the strand 2 is welded on by means of an ultrasound welding method. The reduced-thickness section 8 of the contact piece 6 is followed by a somewhat thicker region 10 or 11 having a central hole 12 or 13. The holes 12 or 13 are used to secure the contact piece to a battery terminal (not shown) via a screw inserted in the hole. Further section 4 or 5 can also have a hole for allowing a screw to fit there-through.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 20 as follows:

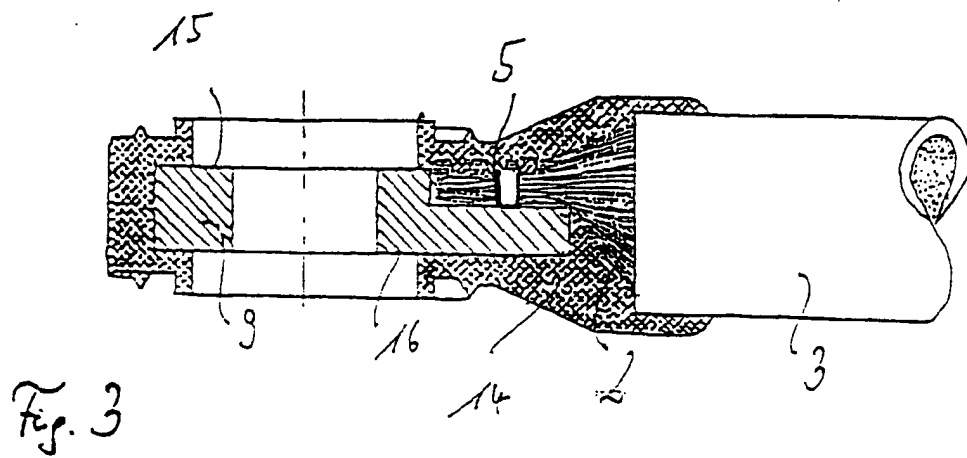
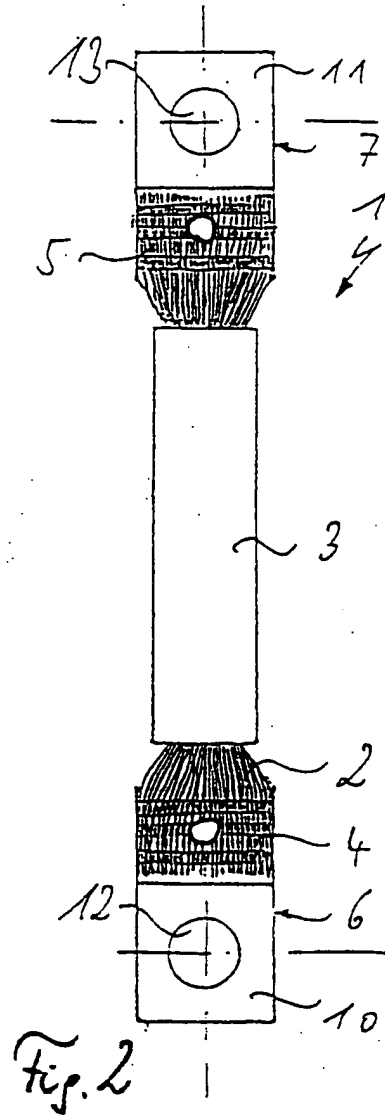
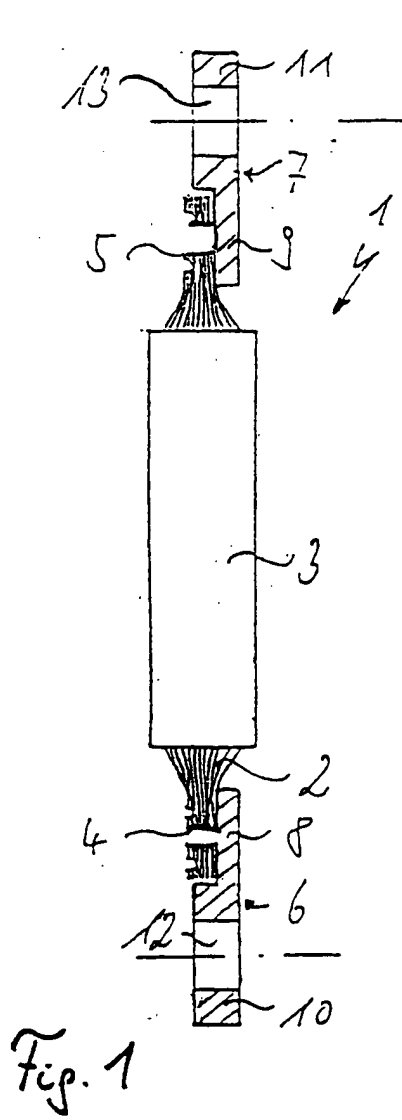
20. (Amended) A battery terminal connecting cable comprising:

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a) a strand comprising a plurality of fine wires, and having a further section formed when said plurality of fine wires are pressed together and, wherein said wires are welded together in said further section [and said further section has a hole for a screw]; and

b) a contact piece coupled to only one side of said further section, wherein said further section is disposed at an end of said strand [and said strand is at least partly insulated].



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